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1. Since the fall of 1948, military fortifications in the woods of Tatranska Lomnica, between Bratislava and Kosice, are being built by the Soviet Army; they are being constructed out of reinforced concrete. Heavy guns, with a field of fire of 360°, are being installed on circular, concrete bases.
2. Only Soviet soldiers are employed on the building site; civilians cannot enter it. It is a restricted area, is surrounded by barbed wire, and is guarded by two men, one a Soviet soldier and the other a member of the SNB. The soldiers engaged in construction wear mostly work clothes without shoulder straps. The guards bear red shoulder straps which have a dark border, and they are armed with automatic pistols.
3. Building materials come by railroad and are delivered in tanks. Several horse-drawn vehicles with about 50-60 horses are also used. Guns are brought by automobile and are assembled and mounted at the construction site. The large guns, however, are already assembled and are brought by railroad and drawn by tractors.

Attachment: Sketch of Tatranska Lomnica, with legend. (1 page)

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Legend to Attachment I

1. Tatranska Lomnica railroad station, which is a small station with only a railroad building.
2. Large health resort; the building, which is made of brick and concrete, is three stories high, is occupied by Soviet staff officers, and is the headquarters for the construction site.
3. Former dance hall, two stories high, of brick or concrete, and occupied at this time by Soviet officers without families.
4. Newly built barracks, of brick or concrete.
- 5, 6. Wooden barracks.
7. Watchtower on the mountain opposite the hotel.
8. Sawmill, which is operated by Czechs. The mill has four saws, lies on a brook, and receives its power through a water turbine.
9. Brook, 2-2.5 m. wide.
10. Built-in guns (large).
- 11, 12. Built-in guns.
13. Wooden barns for building materials and machinery.
14. Storehouse, tent -style, for food, clothing, utensils, etc.
15. Stables, tent-style.
- 16, 17, 18. Mountains with fir-woods.
19. Civilian dwellings.
20. Railroad line, Kosice-Zilina.
21. Barbed wire.
22. Highway.
23. Entrance gate, guarded by two guards.
24. Posts.